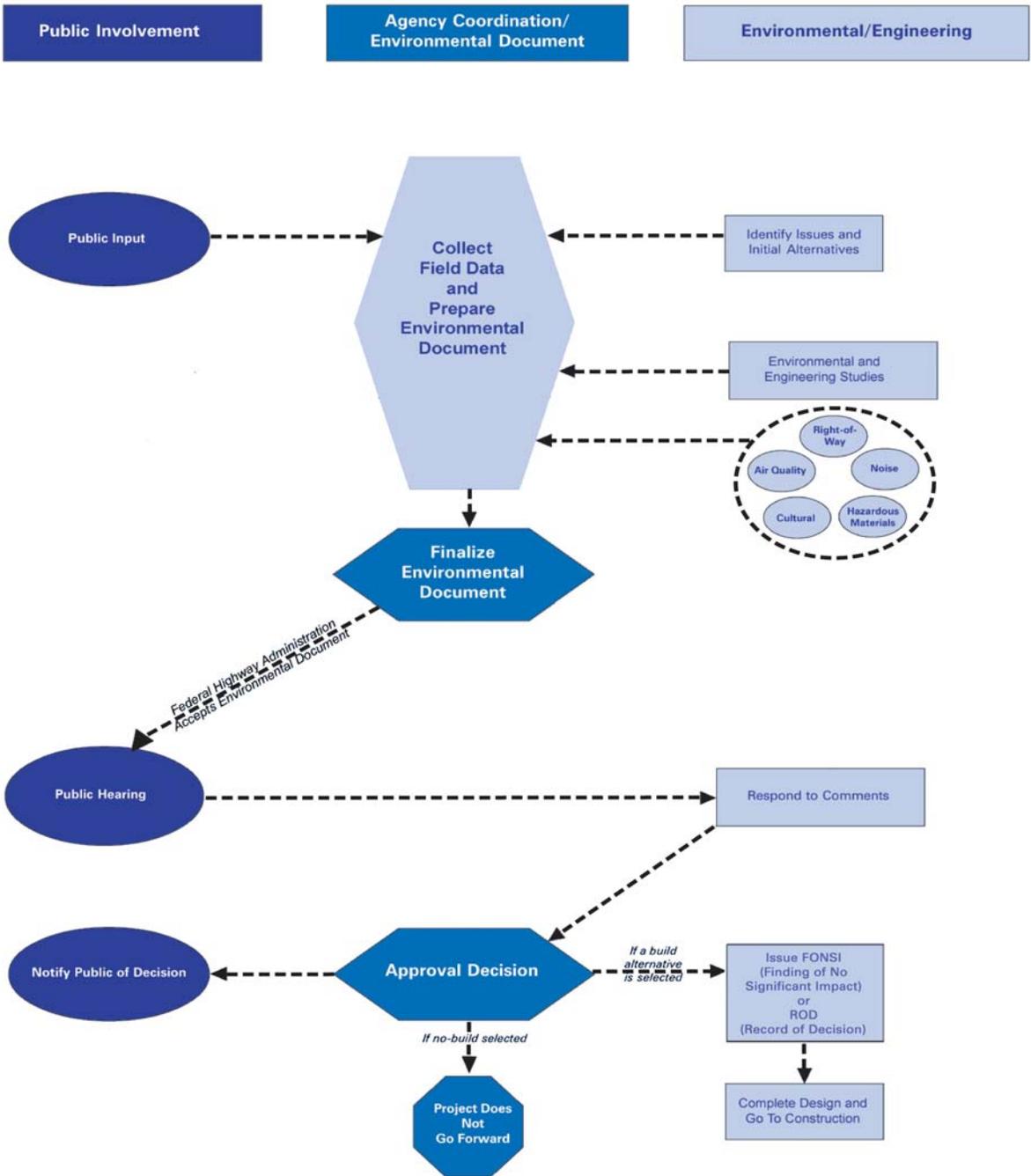


ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS



The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that an Environmental Study be completed because federal highway funds are being used. "Scoping" will be the first step of the NEPA process. During the scoping, public and agency input is gathered to determine the issues and impacts that will need to be evaluated in the Environmental Study. The scoping phase of the project is anticipated to be completed by Spring 2005, and will include traffic studies on Snake River Avenue from Bryden Canyon Road (Southway Bridge) to the U.S. 12 Bypass, and on Southway from Snake River Avenue to 8th Street.

Once the scoping process is complete, project engineers will develop a range of alternatives that address the future transportation needs. The goal of the environmental document is to produce a conceptual plan for Southway and Snake River Avenues which will meet 20-year transportation needs. The environmental study is expected to be completed in about 1 1/2 years. After the environmental study is completed and approved, final design work can begin.